

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE****METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING  
MATERIAL FROM A STORAGE MEDIUM**

10       A portable material transfer unit allows for the loading and unloading of a  
material from a storage medium. The portable material transfer unit is a self-  
contained unit that can be moved to any location accessible by motorized vehicle  
without the need for pneumatic or electrical hook-ups. Thus, the portable material  
transfer unit can be used to load or unload material from railroad tank cars in  
15 temporary locations not generally considered to be loading or unloading stations.  
Also, the portable material transfer unit can transfer material from railroad tank cars  
without the need for repositioning of the cars by a locomotive. Furthermore, the  
portable material transfer unit can quickly and easily be converted from an unloading  
position to a transporting position so that the portable material transfer unit can be  
20 towed on any highway or public access road.

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